

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE EASTERN MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL, 4695 CROZIER ROAD, ELLISTON, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Annette S. Perkins	-Chair
	Doug Marrs (Left 7:45 p.m.)	-Vice Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	William H. Brown	
	Gary D. Creed	
	John A. Muffo	
	James D. Politis	
	B. Clayton Goodman, III	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Assistant County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Ruth L. Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors
	B. Wendell Jones,	-School Board, Chair
	David G. Dunkenberger,II	-School Board, Vice Chair
	Jamie M. Bond	-School Board Members
	Penny Franklin	
	W. Wat Hopkins	
	Joseph T. Ivers	
	Tiffany Anderson	-Superintendent, MCPS
	Walt Shannon	-Assistant Superintendent of Operations, MCPS
	Anita Johnston	-Clerk, School Board

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order for the purpose of having a joint meeting with the Montgomery County School Board.

INTO WORK SESSION

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by James D. Politis and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. Presentation from Architects on Elliston Elementary School Project
2. Old Blacksburg Middle School

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
James D. Politis	None
William H. Brown	
Gary D. Creed	
John A. Muffo	
Mary W. Biggs	
Doug Marrs	
Annette S. Perkins	

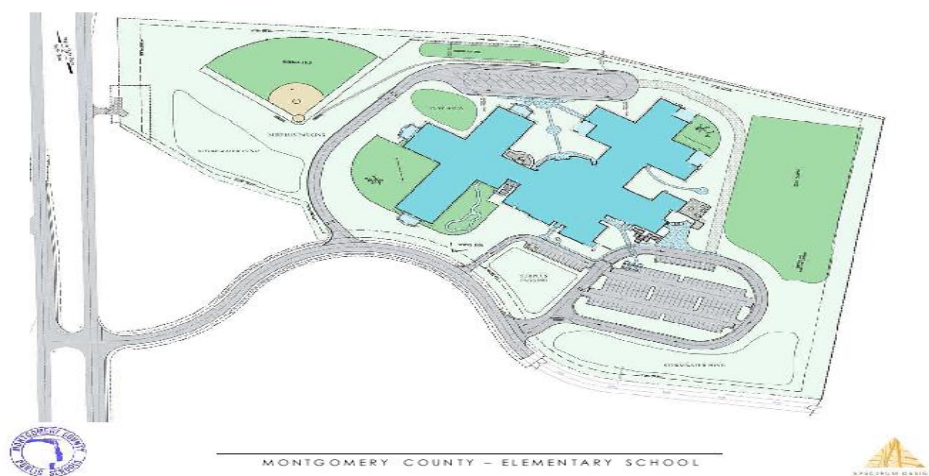
Supervisor Marrs left at 7:45 p.m.

Design Plan – New Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School

Spectrum Design, Architects, presented the design plans for the new Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School. The new school will be constructed on 20 acres and is designed to hold up to 600 students, with 450 students projected to enroll when the school opens. The design plans show a total of 35 classrooms, six outdoor play areas, technology rooms in each classroom wing, music and art areas, library, and administrative suites.

The project is on schedule with an estimated construction date in November 2008 and the school opening in 2010. The estimated cost of the new school is \$26.8 million.

Spectrum Design provided several computer images of what the school will look like. Below are several pictures of the school design and layout:



Old Blacksburg Middle School Property

A discussion was held between the Board of Supervisors and the Montgomery County School Board on the Old Blacksburg Middle School property. The Board of Supervisors questioned the School Board on whether the School Board intends to surplus the property. It had come to the Board of Supervisors' attention that the School Board may keep the land for a future school site.

School Board members stated that they want to see enrollment projections for the future, especially in Blacksburg's downtown area and surrounding neighborhoods with new development, to determine if there is a need for a new elementary school. It may be in the School Board's interest to keep the land to alleviate future overcrowding in the schools. School Board member Penny Franklin stated that if they have learned anything, it is that land is hard to come by. This has proven to be true when looking for land for the new Price's Fork Elementary School. Some School Board members stressed the need to consider all facets regarding growth

in Blacksburg and the location of a new school if needed in the future, whether the old former middle school property is an ideal site for an elementary school, right in the middle of the retail hub.

Several Board of Supervisors members expressed frustration that the School Board members are changing their minds about surplusing the land. Numerous people and committees have spent a tremendous amount of time to decide the best use of this site. A national design competition is set to begin in October 2008 to receive bids on what the site can be used for. Both Montgomery County and the Town of Blacksburg have committed to fund money for the competition. However, the Town of Blacksburg has stated they will halt the competition if the School Board has any hesitation in turning the land over for surplus. The issue of what to do with the former middle school site has been an on-going debate since the new middle school was built in 2002.

Both Boards referred to a resolution adopted by the School Board in 2004 stating that the School Board would consider the surplus of the land when the Board of Supervisors met several conditions, land for a new Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School and a new stadium in Blacksburg, both which have been completed. The Board of Supervisors is still searching and negotiating for land for the new Price's Fork Elementary School. Several Board of Supervisors members argued that they have met the conditions set by the School Board and are looking for land for the Price's Fork Elementary School; therefore, the School Board needs to meet their obligations by surplusing the property.

Wendell Jones, School Board Chair, commented that they needed to use caution. At the present time there is a lack of strategic planning and they need to look out 5-10 years in the future. They, as a School Board, need to do what is best for the children.

In summary, the School Board members stated before they could make an informed decision on what to do with the old Blacksburg Middle School property they need the future enrollment projections. The enrollment project report is underway and will be provided to the School Board members by the end of September. A lot has changed in the past few years, with different School Board members and new residential development in the central part of Blacksburg.

OUT OF WORK SESSION

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return back to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
William H. Brown	None	Doug Marrs
Gary D. Creed		
John A. Muffo		
Mary W. Biggs		
James D. Politis		
Annette S. Perkins		

INTO CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following:

Section 2.2-3711	(3)	Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purpose, or of the Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property, Where Discussion in an Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Bargaining Position or Negotiating Strategy of the Public Body
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1. Prices Fork Elementary School Site

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gary D. Creed	None	Doug Marrs
John A. Muffo		
Mary W. Biggs		
James D. Politis		
William H. Brown		
Annette S. Perkins		

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BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Closed Meeting to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
John A. Muffo	None	Doug Marrs
Mary W. Biggs		
James D. Politis		
William H. Brown		
Gary D. Creed		
Annette S. Perkins		

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by James D. Politis and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion conveying the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

VOTE

AYES
Mary W. Biggs
James D. Politis
William H. Brown
Gary D. Creed
John A. Muffo
Annette S. Perkins

NAYS
None

ABSENT DURING VOTE
Doug Marrs

ABSENT DURING MEETING
Doug Marrs

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned to Monday, September 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned ate 9:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____	ATTESTED: _____
Annette S. Perkins	B. Clayton Goodman, III
Chair	County Administrator